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- Back to our two processes that were deferring/flagging
 - If we combine the two, we get the Peterson lock
 - We'll prove that it has the mutual exclusion and non-starvation properties
- Keep the structure from our deferential/polite locks
 - Start by raising flag
 - Defer to other process
 - Then, we can go either if:
 - The other process has deferred to us, *or*
 - The other process isn't interested (has lowered flag)
- We can run it and it looks fairly good
 - We only saw one good example
 - To be completely confident that it's always good, we should actually verify this with `spin -run classpeterson.pml`
- Remember: the scheduler in spin can be evil
 - In other words, it won't guarantee fairness (may never let a process go)
 - You can tell it to be fair with the `-f` flag